

Human Services Council Meeting
May 21, 2018, 7:30 p.m.
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MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
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Steven Bloom, Chair	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Ito Ibia	<i>Present</i>
Kimberly Adams	<i>Present</i>	William Kogler	<i>Excused</i>
Col. Marion (Barney) Barnwell	<i>Present</i>	Martin Machowsky	<i>Excused</i>
Kevin H. Bell	<i>Present</i>	Michele Menapace	<i>Excused</i>
Jeff Dannick	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Fatima Mirza	<i>Present</i>
Emily Donaldson	<i>Present</i>	Audrey Morton	<i>Excused</i>
Robert Faherty	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Gerald Poje	<i>Present</i>
Rev. Dr. Jerrold Foltz	<i>Present</i>	Alis Wang	<i>Present</i>
Thomas Goodwin, Vice Chair	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Patrice Winter	<i>Present</i>
Staff:			
Tisha Deeghan, Deputy County Executive			<i>Excused</i>
Michelle Gregory, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)			<i>Present</i>
Lee Ann Pender, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Excused</i>
Suzanne Lane, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Excused</i>
Terry Reardon, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)			<i>Present</i>

Guests and County Staff: Karla Bruce, Linda Hoffman, Vincent Rogers and Matthew Graham.

Welcome and Overview – Chair Steven Bloom welcomed Council members and guests and opened the meeting at 7:35.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes – The [minutes from the April meeting](#) were approved.

Housing and Community Development Presentation. Vin Rogers and Matt Graham announced that HCD is preparing to open a housing waiting list for the first time since 2007. A new HUD program, [Rental Assistance Demonstration](#) (RAD), allows housing authorities to convert federal funding for traditional public housing units to project-based vouchers in the Section 8 program. FCHRA currently owns 1,060 units (former public housing) that are now part of the RAD program. This change is transparent to residents, but provides a stable source of funding for the program. Eligible individuals and families on the RAD waitlist will be housed as soon as a unit comes open. The waitlist will have 2,000 slots and HCD anticipates it will take approximately two years to fill the slots. Interested parties are required to apply online during a two-week period, 10 to 23 July. The residency criteria include individuals who live or work in the county. There will be public outreach via social media, flyers at all online registration locations and FCHRA communities, sister agencies, other community sites and FCPS to publicize the opening of the application period.

Vin gave a brief update on the [Housing Strategic Plan](#), noting that it's not an HCD plan but rather a community-wide plan. Phase I is comprised of 25 strategies that are cost-neutral but high impact. It was presented to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) Housing Committee a few weeks ago and will go to the BOS soon for adoption.

Budget-related updates. Tom Goodwin described a conversation he and Michelle Gregory had with Karla Bruce to help define and clarify how the Innovation Fund funds will be used in the [Original Mount Vernon High School redevelopment project](#). Tom asked Karla to share the current thinking on the best use of the funds. Karla said having these funds available is a tremendous opportunity, but given that the project is currently in the master planning phase, the building is not ready to house new programs. Karla

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suggested that Innovation Fund resources be allocated not to fund programs, but to inform the thinking and planning of the redevelopment. She characterized the opportunity as a design challenge to spur innovation. This concept could focus on building out the property, innovative ways to provide programs or ways to involve the community.

Human Services Resource Plan. Alis Wang and Emily Donaldson, HSC Partnership Committee, have been reaching out to nonprofits over the last several months. [Second Story](#) provides a safe place for teens in crisis, young mothers, and homeless youth. Second Story staff noted that lack of supportive housing is a problem, as well as the need for more mental health services in schools. They have a waitlist for their homeless youth and young mothers' programs. Young people in crisis are uniquely vulnerable to gang recruitment.

In speaking with representatives at the [Chris Atwood Foundation](#), a nonprofit that works to provide recovery support and resources to people and families affected by addiction. Foundation staff noted that schools need more education on this issue, and hospitals and jails could do more to help patients/inmates.

Other Partnership Announcements. Steven Bloom noted that the HSC is strategically targeting stakeholders such as nonprofits, the faith community, philanthropy and the business community, and possibly also local Chambers of Commerce to develop partnerships and community outreach.

Several partner meetings were mentioned. [Alliance for Human Services](#) is holding their annual meeting June 14 at 7:30 pm at Little River United Church of Christ, 8410 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. The topic is Medicaid expansion in Virginia.

The Advisory Social Services Board will hold a meeting May 30 featuring Framework Institute at 6:00-9:00 pm in Room 9/10, Government Center. (Please RSVP to Michelle Washington at 703-324-7741 or michelle.washington@fairfaxcounty.gov).

Committee Updates. None.

Announcements. Itoro Ibia shared information about her charity in Nigeria and providing mental health services to those in need locally. She is the HSC Liaison to the Community Services Board and Diversion First.

Steven Bloom announced that he will not be attending the June HSC meeting. Tom Goodwin will chair.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.